IN THE CLAIMS:

A clean version of the entire set of pending claims is as follows:

1. (Amended) A data processing system implemented method for automating a filesystem backup process, comprising:

 building a table file, wherein the table file lists filesystems to be backed up;

 specifying, within said table file, one of a plurality of different backup utilities for each of said filesystems listed in said table file, said table file including different backup utilities being specified;

 accessing the table file; and

 executing one of said plurality of different backup utilities to backup a filesystem listed in the table file wherein said one of said plurality of different backup utilities is specified for said filesystem, further wherein different backup utilities are specified within said table file.

4. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the table file further comprises a logical location of the filesystem to be backed up.

5. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the table file further comprises a logical location for at least one backup copy.

6. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the table file further comprises a number of copies to be created.

7. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 1, further comprising, prior to backing up the filesystem, splitting the filesystem on the basis of the filesystem being in use during backing up the filesystem.

8. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 1, further comprising, prior to backing up the filesystem, locking the table file.

9. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 8, further comprising:

    detecting an error in backing up the filesystem;

    unlocking the table file; and

    editing the table file.

10. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 1, further comprising, prior to backing up the filesystem, re-syncing logical volumes servicing the filesystems.

11. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 1, wherein building a table file is performed by an automated script.

12. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 1, wherein accessing a table file is a function performed by an automated script.

13. (Amended) The method recited in claim 1, wherein said step of executing said one of said plurality of backup utilities to back up the filesystem is performed by an automated script.

14. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 9, wherein unlocking the table file is performed by an automated script.

15. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 10, wherein re-syncing logical volumes is performed by an automated script.

16. (Unchanged) The method recited in claim 7, wherein splitting the filesystem is performed by an automated script.

17. (Amended) A data processing system for automating a filesystem backup process, comprising:

    building means for building a table file, wherein the table file lists filesystems to

be backed up;

specifying means for specifying, within said table file, one of a plurality of different backup utilities for each of said filesystems listed in said table file, said table file including different backup utilities being specified;

accessing means for accessing the table file; and

executing means for executing one of said plurality of different backup utilities to backup a filesystem listed in the table file wherein said one of said plurality of different backup utilities is specified for said filesystem, further wherein different backup utilities are specified within said table file.

20. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 17, wherein the table file further comprises a logical location of the filesystem to be backed up.

21. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 17, wherein the table file further comprises a logical location for at least one backup copy.

22. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 17, wherein the table file further comprises a number of copies to be created.

23. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 17, further comprising:

splitting means for splitting the filesystem on the basis of the filesystem being in use during backing up the filesystem.

24. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 17, further comprising:

locking means for locking the table file.

25. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 24, further comprising:

detecting means for detecting an error in backing up the filesystem;

unlocking means for unlocking the table file; and

editing means for editing the table file.

26. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 17, further comprising:

re-syncing means for re-syncing logical volumes servicing the filesystems.

27. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 17, the building means for building a table file is an automated script.

28. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 17, wherein the accessing means for accessing a table file is by an automated script.

29. (Amended) The system recited in claim 17, wherein said executing means for executing said one of said plurality of backup utilities to back up the filesystem is an automated script.

30. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 25, wherein the unlocking means for unlocking the table file is an automated script.

31. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 26, wherein the re-syncing means for re-syncing logical volumes is an automated script.

32. (Unchanged) The system recited in claim 23, the splitting means for splitting the filesystem is an automated script.

33. (Amended) A data processing system implemented computer program product for automating a filesystem backup process, comprising:

building instructions for building a table file, wherein the table file lists filesystems to be backed up;

specifying instructions for specifying, within said table file, one of a plurality of different backup utilities for each of said filesystems listed in said table file, said table file including different backup utilities being specified;

accessing instructions for accessing the table file; and

executing instructions for executing one of said plurality of different backup utilities to backup a filesystem listed in the table file wherein said one of said plurality of different backup utilities is specified for said filesystem, further wherein different backup utilities are specified within said table file.

34. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of specifying one of a plurality of different backup utilities for each of said filesystems listed in said table file, said plurality of different backup utilities including an AIX backup.

35. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of specifying one of a plurality of different backup utilities for each of said filesystems listed in said table file, said plurality of different backup utilities including an ADSM selective backup.

36. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of specifying one of a plurality of different backup utilities for each of said filesystems listed in said table file, said plurality of different backup utilities including an ADSM incremental backup.

37. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of specifying one of a plurality of different backup utilities for each of said filesystems listed in said table file, said plurality of different backup utilities including an ADSM archive.

38. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
    including a first filesystem and a second filesystem within said table file;
    specifying a first backup utility for backing up said first filesystem; and
    specifying a second backup utility for backing up said second filesystem, wherein said first backup utility is different from said second backup utility.